

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

DIANNA SCOTT, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

COUNTY OF KERN, et al.,

Defendants.

No. 1:24-cv-00423-KES-CDB

ORDER RELATING AND REASSIGNING  
CASES

ESTATE OF STEPHEN INGLE, by and  
through successors in interest, C.R.I., by and  
through Guardian Ad Litem, Elizabeth Leal,  
et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

KERN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, et  
al.,

Defendants.

No. 1:24-cv-00463-JLT-CDB

**New Case No. 1:24-cv-00463-KES-CDB**

Examination of the above-captioned actions reveals that they are related within the meaning of the Local Rules. “[B]oth actions involve similar questions of fact and the same question of law and their assignment to the same Judge or Magistrate Judge is likely to effect a

1 substantial savings of judicial effort.” L.R. 123(a)(3). Both cases arise from the same alleged  
2 wrongful death incident and involve claimants to the estate of Stephen Ingle. *See* L.R. 123(a)(4).  
3 The assignment of these matters to the same judge is likely to effect a substantial savings of  
4 judicial effort and is likely to be convenient for the parties.

5 The parties should be aware that relating cases under Rule 123 causes the actions to be  
6 assigned to the same judge—it does not consolidate the actions. Under Rule 123, related cases  
7 are generally assigned to the judge and magistrate judge to whom the first filed action was  
8 assigned.

9 Good cause appearing, the court finds the above-captioned cases are related and hereby  
10 ORDERS that Case No. 1:24-cv-00463-JLT-CDB be reassigned from District Judge Jennifer L.  
11 Thurston to District Judge Kirk E. Sherriff. The caption on documents filed in the reassigned  
12 case shall show the new case number: 1:24-cv-00463-KES-CDB.

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14 IT IS SO ORDERED.

15 Dated: September 12, 2024

  
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE